

SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL



1999

Salisbury Optimist Gull Classic



MAGGS CENTER
SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY
SALISBURY, MARYLAND
FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3-4, 1999

SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Hometown
1	Simone Adams	C	Sr	6-0	College Park, GA
3	Noel Cunningham	G	Jr	5-4	Worcester, MA
4	Marvella Germain	C	Jr	6-1	Canefield, Dominica
5	Laura Hagwood	F	Fr	5-11	Colonial Heights, PA
8	Monique Lewis	G	Fr	5-5	Dublin, GA
11	Gillian Martindale	G	Jr	5-8	Bridgetown, Barbados
13	Jennifer Pellin	G	So	5-5	Greenwood, SC
16	Joycelyn Rollins	G	Fr	5-7	Bridgetown, Barbados
18	Emily Schmidt	F	Jr	5-11	Rochester, MI
21	Shina Simmons	G	Fr	5-2	Swainsboro, GA
22	Becki Tower	F	Fr	5-10	Wrentham, MA
24	Tamia Wheeler	F	So	6-1	Gainesville, GA

Head Coach — Kim Godbee-Glisson

Assitants — Greg Sanders, Tirza Moss, Colleen Cunningham

NOTES

The Lady Bees are making their first tournament appearance...The leading scorer for Savannah A&D is Simone Adams, averaging 20.0 points per game...Tamia Wheeler, Joycelyn Rollins, and Adams average 8.0 rebounds per game...Wheeler also averages 2.0 blocks per game.

SAVANNAH A&D AT A GLANCE

Location: Savannah, Georgia

Enrollment: 3,100

Nickname: Bees

Colors: Black, White, and Gold

Conference: Independent

President: Richard Rowan

Director of Athletics: Karen Ryan

Sports Information Director: Jim Bily

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Hometown
22	Angela Weaver	G	Fr	5-6	Alburtis, PA
23	Amy Schmuck	F	Jr	5-10	Rockwood, PA
24	Heather Abucevicz	G	So	5-5	Mt. Savage, MD
25	Liz Pacsani	F	So	5-7	Oakland, MD
30	Kesha Frisby	G	So	5-6	Clinton, MD
32	Brandi Calhoun	F	Sr	5-9	Clinton, MD
35	Holly Myers	G	Fr	5-9	York, PA
42	Helene Duncan	G	Fr	5-3	Lonaconing, MD
45	Alisa Rugg	G	Sr	5-6	Friendsville, MD
50	Shannon Rexrode	C	Sr	6-1	Baltimore, MD
51	Raina Mahoney	C	Fr	6-1	Hyattsville, MD
52	Jenn Long	F	Jr	6-0	Purcellville, VA
53	Kerri Cannon	F	Jr	5-8	Oakland, MD
54	Kim Faust	F	Fr	5-11	Ambler, PA
55	Jessica Yahnert	C	So	6-2	Mineral Point, PA

Head Coach — Jim Crawley

Assistant — Nancy Crawley, Jody Pepple

NOTES

Long-time Sea Gull rival Frostburg State is playing Salisbury State in the Classic for the first time...Senior center Shannon Rexrode leads the Bobcats in both scoring, 20.3 points per game, and rebounding, 9.7 per game.

FROSTBURG AT A GLANCE

Location: Frostburg, MD

Enrollment: 3,800

Nickname: Bobcats

Colors: Red, Black, and White

Conference: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate

President: Dr. Catherine Gira

Director of Athletics: Diane Morea

Sports Information Director: Webb Hatch

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WESLEY COLLEGE

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Hometown
00	Tara Lomicky	C	So	6-1	Hazlet, NJ
10	Quenita Jordan	G	So	5-6	Waldorf, MD
13	Katie Dulin	G	So	5-7	Media, PA
20	Jamilah Rideout	G	Fr	5-6	Baltimore, MD
22	Kim Smith	G	So	5-7	Lewes, DE
30	Megan Beebe	G	Fr	5-6	Edison, NJ
31	Nicky Benton	F	Jr	5-10	Princess Anne, MD
32	Nikki Pauls	C	Jr	5-11	Wilmington, DE
33	Jenelle Ketcham	F	So	5-10	Freehold, NJ
40	Lachelle McHenry	G	Jr	5-7	Anne Arundel, MD
42	Kari Tomczyk	G	Sr	5-10	Tuckerton, NJ
44	Cressa Bacon	F	Fr	5-10	Wilmington, DE
52	Deanna Watson	F	Fr	5-10	Harleysville, PA

Head Coach — Michele Stabley

Assistants — Tamika Coleman, Jeremy Maull

NOTES

Wesley is making its first Classic apperance since the 1995 tournament...Nikki Pauls is the Wolverines' leading scorer with 17.0 points per game...Nicky Benton adds 13.0 ppg...Benton and Pauls each average 8.0 rebounds per game.

WESLEY AT A GLANCE

Location: Dover, DE

Enrollment: 750

Nickname: Wolverines

Colors: Navy, White, and Columbia Blue

Conference: Eastern College Athletic Conference

President: Dr. Scott D. Miller

Director of Athletics: Steve Clark

Sports Information Director: Jason Bowen

SALISBURY OPTIMIST GULL CLASSIC

The women's tournament began in 1978 and has been held virtually every year since. In the 1990s, host Salisbury State has finished as the runner-up four times and has won the championship the other four years. The Sea Gulls have a total of seven first place finishes and eight second place finishes. Salisbury State defeated Newport News in last year's championship game, 89-78. Last year's tournament also included Cabrini and North Carolina Wesleyan. SSU's Amy Cooke earned tournament MVP honors with 29 points and 23 assists in two games, including 13 assists in the championship victory.

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1978	Navy	Delaware State
1979	Georgetown	James Madison
1980	(Not available)	
1981	Lock Haven	UMES
1982	Salisbury State	Christopher Newport
1983	Trenton State	Salisbury State
1984	Salisbury State	Trenton State
1985	Spring Garden	Salisbury State
1986	(Not available)	
1987	Salisbury State	Marymount
1988	Marymount	Salisbury State
1989	N.C. Wesleyan	Salisbury State
1990	(No tournament)	
1991	Holy Family	Salisbury State
1992	Wilmington	Salisbury State
1993	N.C. Wesleyan	Salisbury State
1994	Salisbury State	Barton
1995	Salisbury State	Waynesburg
1996	Salisbury State	Christopher Newport
1997	Baldwin-Wallace	Salisbury State
1998	Salisbury State	Newport News

1998 ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Jill Livezy, NC Wesleyan
Taffey Thomas, Newport News
Jessica Latour, Salisbury State
Elisabeth Barfuss, Salisbury State
Amy Cooke, Salisbury State (MVP)

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1999-2000 SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S TEAM

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Hometown
10	Sara Wright	G	Jr	5-5	Midlothian, VA
12	Michele Deschu	G	Jr	5-5	Trenton, NJ
14	Dawn Joyce	G	So	5-5	Lester, PA
20	Heather Benson	G	Fr	5-6	Rockville, NJ
21	Jessica Baker	F	So	5-9	Middletown, MD
22	Elisabeth Barfuss	F	Jr	5-10	Dale City, VA
23	Kristin Samm	C	Fr	6-0	Derwood, MD
24	Jaime Kohlenstein	G	So	5-8	Harrisonburg, VA
25	Sara Scangarello	F	So	5-11	Medford, NJ
30	Kelly Palmer	G	So	5-7	Frederick, MD
32	Lisa Neylan	C	Jr	6-0	Trenton, NJ
33	Amy Champion	C	Fr	6-0	Bowie, MD
42	Lexa Turner	G	Fr	5-7	Harrisonburg, PA

Head Coach – Bridget Benshetler (10th year)

Assistants – Calvin Burrell, Kelly Whitmore, Dean Wootten

SEA GULL NOTES

Salisbury State (3-1) fell to Gallaudet, 85-78 on Wednesday in its Capital Athletic Conference opener...Lisa Neylan had 27 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Gulls...Neylan's 20.3 ppg average is tops on the team through four games...Elisabeth Barfuss averages 20.0 ppg...Neylan is also the team's leading rebounder with 9.8 per game...Amy Champion adds 8.3 rpg...Sara Wright leads the squad in assists with 7.0 per game...This weekend's tournament is Salisbury State's final home appearance until January 15, when the Gulls return to the Maggs Center to host conference rival Mary Washington...SSU plays at Marymount and Goucher next week to conclude its games pre-Christmas schedule.

SALISBURY STATE AT A GLANCE

Location: Salisbury, Maryland

Enrollment: 6,000

Nickname: Sea Gulls

Colors: Maroon and gold

Conference: Capital Athletic Conference

President: Dr. Joel Jones (Interim)

Director of Athletics: Dr. Michael Vienna

Sports Information Director: Paul Ohanian

1999-2000 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
11-19	Roanoke	Ashland, VA	W 75-65
11-20	Randolph-Macon	Ashland, VA	W 89-76
11-23	Christopher Newport	Salisbury, MD	W 99-93
12-1	Gallaudet	Salisbury, MD	L 78-85
12-3/4	SALISBURY OPTIMIST GULL CLASSIC		
12-7	Marymount	Arlington, VA	6 pm
12-9	Goucher	Towson, MD	6 pm
1-4	College of New Jersey	Trenton, NJ	6 pm
1-7/8	King's College Tournament	Wilkes-Barre, PA	
1-11	Notre Dame (Md)	Baltimore, MD	7 pm
1-15	Mary Washington	Salisbury, MD	2 pm
1-17	Wesley	Dover, DE	6 pm
1-19	Catholic	Salisbury, MD	5:30 pm
1-22	St. Mary's	St. Mary's City, MD	6 pm
1-25	Gallaudet	Washington, DC	7 pm
1-29	York	Salisbury, MD	2 pm
2-1	Goucher	Salisbury, MD	5:30 pm
2-5	Mary Washington	Fredericksburg, VA	2 pm
2-9	Marymount	Salisbury, MD	5:30 pm
2-12	St. Mary's	Salisbury, MD	5:30 pm
2-16	Catholic	Washington, DC	6 pm
2-19	York	York, PA	4 pm
2-22-26	CAC Tournament	TBA	

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1999-2000 SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S TEAM

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Hometown
4	Josh Merkel	G	Jr	6-1	Walkersville, MD
10	Ali Azizikia	G	Sr	5-10	Gaithersburg, MD
12	Jared Silberzahn	G	So	5-9	Baltimore, MD
14	Doug King	G	So	5-9	Salisbury, MD
20	Tim Knapp	G	Fr	6-1	Baltimore, MD
22	Dan Fisher	G	Sr	5-10	Knoxville, MD
24	Colin Exelby	G	Sr	6-2	Grand Rapids, MI
30	Jason Champion	F	So	6-6	Bowie, MD
32	Matt Briggs	G	So	6-2	Severna Park, MD
34	Babatunde Bandele	F	So	6-3	Owings Mills, MD
40	Tony Chavelli	F	Sr	6-2	Olney, MD
43	Lou Clark	F	So	6-5	Baltimore, MD
44	Victor Jackson	F	So	6-3	Hebron, MD
50	Brian Turner	C	Fr	6-7	Damascus, MD
54	Cameron Bryant	C	Sr	6-4	Baltimore, MD

Head Coach – Ward Lambert (30th year)

Assistants – Pat Williams, Keith Brown, Jeff Gibbs

SEA GULL NOTES

Salisbury State (2-2) downed Gallaudet 116-73 Wednesday night in its Capital Athletic Conference opener...Jason Champion scored 16 points to lead six players in double-figures...Victor Jackson leads the Sea Gulls in scoring, averaging 17.5 points per game, followed by Champion with 15.3 ppg...Tony Chivelli is averaging a team-leading 6.3 rebounds per game...Doug King leads the team with 6.8 assists per game, including 10 assists against Gallaudet...Virginia Wesleyan travels to the Maggs Center on Monday...Game time is 7:30 p.m.

SALISBURY STATE AT A GLANCE

Location: Salisbury, Maryland

Enrollment: 6,000

Nickname: Sea Gulls

Colors: Maroon and gold

Conference: Capital Athletic Conference

President: Dr. Joel Jones (Interim)

Director of Athletics: Dr. Michael Vienna

Sports Information Director: Paul Ohanian

1999-2000 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
11-19	Eastern Mennonite	Williamsport, PA	L 76-80
11-20	Bloomfield	Williamsport, PA	W 83-76
11-23	Washington	Chestertown, MD	L 90-93
12-1	Gallaudet	Salisbury, MD	W 116-73
12-3/4	SALISBURY OPTIMIST GULL CLASSIC		
12-6	Virginia Wesleyan	Salisbury, MD	7:30 pm
12-8	Goucher	Towson, MD	8 pm
12-11	Christopher Newport	Salisbury, MD	4 pm
1-7/8	Elizabethtown Tournament	Elizabethtown, PA	
1-12	Marymount	Arlington, VA	7:30 pm
1-15	Mary Washington	Salisbury, MD	4 pm
1-19	Catholic	Salisbury, MD	7:30 pm
1-22	St. Mary's	St. Mary's City, MD	4 pm
1-26	Gallaudet	Washington, DC	7:30 pm
1-29	York	Salisbury, MD	4 pm
2-2	Goucher	Salisbury, MD	7:30 pm
2-5	Mary Washington	Fredericksburg, VA	4 pm
2-9	Marymount	Salisbury, MD	7:30 pm
2-12	St. Mary's	Salisbury, MD	7:30 pm
2-14	Wesley	Dover, DE	7:30 pm
2-16	Catholic	Washington, DC	7:30 pm
2-19	York	York, PA	2 pm
2-21-26	CAC Tournament	TBA	

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CHOWAN COLLEGE

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Hometown
5	Jeff Clinton	F	So	6-7	High Point, NC
10	Anthony McGruder	G	Jr	6-0	Lanham, MD
11	Shawn Hubers	G	Jr	6-2	Belhaven, NC
15	Brandon Meadows	G	Fr	6-1	Lumberton, NC
20	Jamie Rhodes	F	Jr	6-5	Wilmington, NC
21	Marcus Webb	G	Jr	6-3	Butner, NC
22	John Goodrich, Jr.	F	Fr	6-6	Camp Lejeune, NC
24	Steven Harler	G	Fr	5-9	Richmond, VA
25	Armar Mays	G	So	6-3	Norfolk, VA
32	Curtis Poole	C	Sr	6-8	Durham, NC
33	Jeremy Norwood	F	Fr	6-5	Henderson, NC
34	Bryan Christian	F	So	6-5	Sterling, VA
42	Eric Mitchell	F	Fr	6-5	Lexington, NC
44	Marcus Bowles	F	Fr	6-7	N. Garden, VA
55	T.J. White	G	Fr	6-3	Asheville, NC

Head Coach -- Bob Burke
Assistants -- John Marion, Dean Murray

NOTES

The Braves have made two other appearances in the Optimist Gull Classic, in 1994 and 1996...Chowan is 1-3 all-time in tournament games...Anthony McGruder leads the scoring attack, averaging 20.0 points per game...Armar Mays is the leading rebounder with 7.0 caroms per game.

CHOWAN AT A GLANCE

Location: Murfreesboro, North Carolina
Enrollment: 800
Nickname: Braves
Colors: Columbia Blue, and White
Conference: Independent
President: Dr. Stanley Lott
Director of Athletics: Steve Lee
Sports Information Director: Bill Stiles

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Hometown
20	Vander Bannister	G	Jr	6-4	Baltimore, MD
44	Shaun Cottman	F	Jr	6-3	Philadelphia, PA
10	Greg Carr	G	Sr	6-0	Philadelphia, PA
12	Kyle Epps	G	Sr	5-9	Scotch Plains, NJ
14	James Dickey	G	Sr	5-9	Baltimore, MD
5	Gary James	G	Fr	6-3	Philadelphia, PA
25	Lamar Boyer	G	Jr	5-9	Coatesville, PA
30	Edward Beatty	C	So	6-7	Philadelphia, PA
33	Ebin Draper	F	Sr	6-5	Oxford, PA
4	Raheem Franklin	G	Jr	5-9	Philadelphia, PA
35	Steven Conway	C	Sr	6-7	Newark, NJ
40	Jake Royal	G	Fr	6-3	Coatesville, PA
50	Larry Brown	C	Fr	6-9	Coatesville, PA
45	Darrell Hunt	F	Sr	6-4	Coatesville, PA

Head Coach -- Robert Byars
Assistants -- Andy Haman, James Gray

NOTES

The Lions make their fifth straight and sixth overall appearance in the Optimist Gull Classic...Lincoln has one championship victory (1996) and three runner-up finishes...The Lions are 5-5 all-time in tournament play, and first appeared in 1985...Last year, Darrel Lewis was named to the All-Tournament team.

LINCOLN AT A GLANCE

Location: Lincoln University, Pennsylvania
Enrollment: 1,500
Nickname: Lions
Colors: Orange and blue
Conference: Eastern College Athletic Conference
President: Dr. Niara Sudarkasa
Director of Athletics: Cyrus Jones
Sports Information Director: Robert Byars

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SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hgt	Hometown
4	John Lane	F	Sr	6-6	Swainsboro, GA
11	Jamald Gardner	G	Jr	6-2	Charlotte, NC
12	Deleon Rogers	F	So	6-4	Florence, SC
14	Carroll Boomer III	G	Jr	5-9	Charlotte, NC
15	Paul Otim	F	Fr	6-7	Kampala, Uganda
20	Labeeb Abdullah	G	Fr	6-1	Savannah, GA
21	Toris Howard	G	Jr	6-1	Woodbridge, VA
23	Kyle Jones	G	Fr	6-1	Hummelstown, PA
24	Eric Smith	G	Jr	6-1	Woodbridge, VA
30	Marcus Ross	F	So	6-4	Chicago, IL
33	Adam Thomason	F	Fr	6-6	Detroit, MI
35	Brett Thomas	C	Jr	6-7	Orangeburg, SC
42	James Omedo	C	Fr	6-8	Kampala, Uganda
45	Istavan Stecina	C	Sr	6-9	Gyo'r, Hungary
50	Derrick Thompson	G	Sr	6-4	Shelby, NC

Head Coach -- Cazzie Russell
Assistants -- Eddie Concepcion, Roderick Echols

NOTES

The Bees are making their first tournament appearance...Marcus Ross leads Savannah A&D in scoring, averaging 13.0 points per game...Ross also leads the team in rebounds averaging 7.3 per game.

SAVANNAH A&D AT A GLANCE

Location: Savannah, GA
Enrollment: 3,100
Nickname: Bees
Colors: Black, White, and Gold
Conference: Independent
President: Richard Rowan
Director of Athletics: Karen Ryan
Sports Information Director: Jim Bily

SALISBURY OPTIMIST GULL CLASSIC

Now in its 23rd year, the men's tournament began in 1977. Since then, 43 teams have appeared in the tournament and 12 different champions have been crowned. Host Salisbury State has won 12 tournament titles, including four of the past five. The Sea Gulls also have finished as the runners-up nine times. No team other than Salisbury State has multiple tournament championships. Lincoln won the 1996 tournament. Chowan has appeared twice before, and Savannah College of Art & Design is making its first appearance.

MEN'S TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Year	Champion	Runner-up
1977	Salisbury State	New York Tech
1978	Salisbury State	Oneonta State
1979J	Mount St. Mary's	St. Thomas Aquinas
1979D	Salisbury State	Merchant Marine
1980	St. Thomas Aquinas	Salisbury State
1981	Salisbury State	Baruch
1982	William Paterson	Salisbury State
1983	St. Andrews	Salisbury State
1984	Salisbury State	Trenton State
1985	Salisbury State	Spring Garden
1986	Catholic	Salisbury State
1987	Eastern	Salisbury State
1988	Geneseo	Spring Garden
1989	N.C. Wesleyan	Salisbury State
1990	Salisbury State	Catholic
1991	Salisbury State	Western Connecticut
1992	Walsh	Salisbury State
1993	Lynchburg	Salisbury State
1994	Salisbury State	Greensboro
1995	Salisbury State	Lincoln
1996	Lincoln	Salisbury State
1997	Salisbury State	Lincoln
1998	Salisbury State	Lincoln

1998 ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Shannon Scales, Greensboro
Darrel Lewis, Lincoln
Tony Chavelli, Salisbury State
Bernie Dennison, Salisbury State
Eric Prendeville, Salisbury State (MVP)

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1999 Salisbury Optimist Gull Classic Tournament Schedule

Friday	1 p.m.	Savannah A&D vs. Wesley	(Women)
	3 p.m.	Chowan vs. Savannah A&D	(Men)
	6 p.m.	Frostburg State vs. Salisbury State	(Women)
	8 p.m.	Lincoln vs. Salisbury State	(Men)
Saturday	1 p.m.	Women's Consolation Game	
	3 p.m.	Men's Consolation Game	
	6 p.m.	Women's Championship Game	
	8 p.m.	Men's Championship Game	

Salisbury State University and the NCAA encourage and promote good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial and ethnic comments or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. Also you are reminded that consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

THE OPTIMIST CREED

Promise Yourself -

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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